

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 20, add claims 21-23, and cancel claim 7 as follows.
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An evaporative device comprising:
a container for holding a liquid, the container having an opening;
a porous wick extending through the opening such that a portion of the wick contacts the liquid held within the container and a portion of the wick is exposed to the ambient environment, where the wick transfers the liquid from the container; and

a nonporous capillary member having a surface in communication with a portion of the wick, wherein one or more capillary pathways are disposed along the surface of the capillary member along which liquid, transferred by the wick from the container, is drawn by capillary action for dispersion to the ambient air.

2. (Original) An evaporate device according to claim 1, wherein the capillary member is a capillary plate having one or more capillary channels, and
wherein a portion of the capillary channels is in communication with a portion of the wick such that the capillary channels transfer liquid from the wick for dispersion to the ambient environment.

3. (Original) An evaporate device according to claim 2, wherein the capillary plate is substantially wing shaped.

4. (Currently Amended) An evaporative device comprising:
a container for holding a liquid, the container having an opening;
a porous wick extending through the opening such that a portion of the wick contacts the liquid held within the container and a portion of the wick extends outside of the container such that the wick transfers the liquid from the container; and

a capillary plate having a surface in communication with a portion of the wick, wherein the surface has one or more capillary pathways along which liquid, transferred by the wick from the container, is drawn by capillary action for dispersion to the ambient environment, wherein the capillary pathways are substantially continuous along lengths thereof.

5. (Original) An evaporative device according to claim 4, wherein the capillary plate is nonporous.

6. (Original) An evaporate device according to claim 4, wherein the capillary plate is substantially wing shaped.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) An evaporate device according to claim 4, wherein the exposed capillary pathways comprise one or more capillary channels and a portion of the capillary channels is in communication with a portion of the wick extending outside the container.

9. (Original) An evaporate device according to claim 8, wherein the capillary channels are substantially V-shaped in cross section.

10. (Original) An evaporate device according to claim 4, wherein the capillary plate is detachable secured to one or both of the wick and the container.

11. (Original) An evaporate device according to claim 4, wherein the surface is one of a top and a bottom of the capillary plate.

12. (Original) An evaporate device according to claim 4, further comprising a cover that encases a portion of the portion of the wick extending outside of the container.

13. (Original) An evaporate device according to claim 4, wherein there are plural capillary plates, each having one or more capillary pathways, and the capillary pathways are in communication with the portion of the wick extending outside of the container.

14. (Original) An evaporate device according to claim 13, wherein the plural capillary plates are movable such that the capillary pathways of each are removable from communication with the portion of the wick extending outside of the container.

15. (Original) An evaporate device according to claim 14, wherein the plural capillary plates are actuatable in a direction away from the wick to separate the capillary pathways thereof from communication with the portion of the wick exposed to the ambient air.

16. (Original) An evaporate device according to claim 4, wherein the capillary pathways are exposed on the surface of the capillary plate.

17. (Original) An evaporate device according to claim 4, wherein the capillary plate is composed of polyethylene.

18. (Original) An evaporative system comprising:
an evaporative device according to claim 4; and
a housing for containing at least a portion of the evaporative device.

19. (Original) An evaporative system according to claim 18, wherein the evaporative device according to claim 4 is detachable attached to the housing.

20. (Currently Amended) An evaporative system according to claim [20] 18, wherein the capillary plate is fixed to the housing, and the container and the wick are detachable attachable to the housing and the capillary plate.

21. (New) An evaporate device according to claim 1, wherein the capillary member is a capillary insert with at least one capillary channel formed thereon, wherein a portion of the at least one capillary channel is in communication with a portion of the wick such that the capillary channel transfers liquid from the wick for dispersion to the ambient environment.

22. (New) An evaporative device according to claim 21, wherein the wick includes an aperture formed in a portion of the wick in an axial direction, and wherein the capillary insert is disposed within the aperture such that the at least one capillary channel is in contact with an inner surface of the wick to transfer liquid from the wick to the capillary channel for dispersion to the ambient environment.

23. (New) An evaporative device according to claim 22, wherein the capillary insert is slidable within the wick.